

SENATE RESOLUTION 131  
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to commend Bob Griffitts for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bob Griffitts is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Griffitts has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Loudon County, he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; a veteran of the famed 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, this courageous patriot holds a respected position among the many heroic men and women who have served our nation and defended our freedom; and

WHEREAS, Bob Griffitts attended the University of Tennessee, where his devotion to his fellow man was nourished and grew into a passion that would remain with him to this day; and

WHEREAS, he has been active in politics throughout his life and has made many invaluable contributions to this state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as Campaign Manager and Field Representative for our former colleague, Representative Benny Stafford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffiths played a key role in the 1988 campaign to elect John J. Duncan, Jr. to the United States Congress; he first earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the Congressman's constituents while serving as Congressman Duncan's District Director, and he has continued this distinguished service in his present position as Chief of Staff for the Congressman's Washington, Knoxville, Maryville, and Athens offices; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Bob Griffiths is a member of American Legion Post 2 and Elks Lodge #160; he also enjoys sports, and is an especially big fan of the University of Tennessee Volunteers and NASCAR; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout Christian and an active member of Central Baptist Church of Bearden; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Griffiths is wholly committed to maintaining the highest level of family and community values; and

WHEREAS, he shares love and companionship with his wife, Barbara, and is a loving and devoted father to his daughter, Dena, and her husband, Joel Daurity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffiths' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffiths will be honored at an Appreciation Dinner on March 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Bob Griffiths is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Bob Griffiths for his honorable and astute service to Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr., the good people of Tennessee's Second Congressional District and the citizens of this great state, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.